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The monthly production of the arsenal was 57,000 hand grenades with wooden handles, 2,500 PPSh's and 100,000 rounds of small caliber ammunition. All gun powder used was imported from Manchuria; 60 percent of the iron used came

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3. The arsenal was commanded by Lieutenant Colonel CHONG (fnu), aged 39, and there were four Russian technical advisers. It was guarded by 30 North Korean soldiers.

Eastern Area Supply Dumps

- 4. In early April 1952, a North Korean supply dump, a troop replacement point, and some field hospitals for North Korean and Chinese Communist troops were in the Sogwangsa (127-22, 39-00) (CU-5918) area. Supplies were stored in air-raid shelters, one of which could accommodate approximately three trucks, on a mountain and a hill near Sogwangsa. The field hospitals were in civilian houses and air-raid shelters on a nearby mountain. An anti-aircraft unit was on a nearby hill.
- 5. In early April, a North Korean army supply dump containing shells, rifle bullets, and hand-grenades was in five caves at Paekch'on'gyo-ri (128-14, 38-36) (DT-325721). Each of the caves was 10 meters long, 3.5 meters wide, and 3 meters high and the entrances were camouflaged with pine trees. The caves were guarded by 20 soldiers. At night the munitions from the caves were forwarded by foot to the front lines by North Korean soldiers or by members of a labor platoon. In case of emergency, civilians were mobilized to carry the munitions.
- 6. In early April, five to seven freight car loads of straw bags were stacked in the Sökhu (128-23, 40-07) (DV-4740) middle school building and in the area where the employees of the Sökhu railroad station were quartered (approximately 128-23, 40-07, DV-4740). The straw bags were used for repairing damaged railroads and bridges.
- 7. In early April, approximately 2,500 bags of rice, which were collected as taxin-kind for 1951, were stacked at five points in an area covered by pine trees between Ch'angsong-ni (128-23, 40-06) (DV-4739) and Soho-ri (128-23, 40-07) (DV-475405).

Western Area Supply Dumps

- 8. In mid-April, a rice mill, with 2,000 bags of rice stored in 4 holes around the mill, was at Puam-ni (125-31, 37-55) (YB-2199). Seventy bags of rice were cleaned every day at the mill, which was guarded by 30 North Korean soldiers and 1 officer.
- 9. In late April, a supply depot containing rifles, mortars, ammunition, and North Korean uniforms was 500 meters west of the Kan-ni (approximately 125-42, 39-08, YD-3334) railroad station. The supplies were transported from Manchuria by rail and unloaded at the Kan-ni railroad station, where they were picked up by wagons operated by North Korean and Chinese Communist soldiers.
- 10. In mid-May, a weapons and ammunition depot, under the joint control of the North Korean and Chinese Communist armies, and containing PPSh's, 120-mm mortars, heavy machine guns, ammunition and shells, was approximately 650 meters northeast of the Kan-ni railroad station in a small mountain valley at (approximately 125-42, 39-09, YD-340364). The ammunition was stored in nine caves.
- 11. In late April, supply depots were in Kangsŏ-gun (125-26, 38-57) (YD-1114) and Yonggang-gun (125-20, 38-53) (YD-0206).
- 12. In early May, the ammunition depot of the 23 Brigade, North Korean IV Corps, was on a hill 1 mile north of Chayang-ni (125-19, 38-15) (YC-0336).

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